

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, claims 1-21 were presented for examination. Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Jang et al.*, "An Effective Mechanism for Index Update in Structured Documents", ACM 1999, pages 383-390.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful and thorough review and action on the merits in this application.

The *Jang et al.* publication teaches a method for statically preprocessing a document for search and retrieval in a relational database. See §§ 3.2 and 6.1. Applicant's invention is applied to an object oriented database, as reflected in the amendment to the claims. Under the law of anticipation, "[f]or a prior art reference to anticipate in terms of 35 U.S.C. §102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference. *Diversitech Corp. v. Century Steps, Inc.*, 7 USPQ2d 1315, 1317 (Fed. Cir. 1988). As mentioned above, *Jang et al.* does not show all of the elements as claimed by Applicant in pending claims 1-21. Specifically, *Jang et al.* does not show a method or system for identifying a target object in response to a search in an object oriented database and delivering an associated identifier to a client workstation. Rather, *Jang et al.* pertains to a relational database. There is no express or inherent teaching of applying the method or system of *Jang et al.* to an object oriented database. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to remove the rejection of claims 1-21, and to provide allowance of this application.

For the reasons outlined above, withdrawal of the rejection of record and an allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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